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Is your company among those who are performing construction work at zero injury levels?

The National Academy of Construction (NAC) recognizes that a commitment to the "Zero Injury" concept pays large dividends both economically and societally.

NAC believes that business leaders who provide or use construction services should understand that the costs of worker injury have been reduced a total of \$50 billion per year when compared to average injury costs of the 1980's. This sum is being saved each year by the owners and contractors who have been able to reduce or eliminate worker injury on their projects.

It is estimated that another \$60 billion per year in savings still remain. Are you interested in being more competitive?

It is statistically clear that proactive attitudes (by both management and workers) toward eliminating injury have dramatically reduced costs on construction projects. Leading owners and contractors have essentially eliminated both lost time injuries and fatalities. Many of those having this success are committed to the "Zero Injury" safety management concept.

As recently as the 1980s the OSHA recordable injury rates in construction exceeded 14 per 100 workers. By 2003 this rate had improved to 6.8. Driving this major improvement are increasingly greater numbers of major companies with recordable rates well below 1.0, with the best below 0.2; and many more joining the group at these and lower rates.

What is your company's OSHA recordable incident rate?

Please join the NAC in encouraging the use of the "Zero Injury Concept" and in urging all to join in the improvement of our quality of life and the economics of construction.

What better way to save American jobs and improve our lifestyle than to eliminate worker injury?

Information on this increasingly popular safety management concept is available from the NAC and the Construction Industry at:

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